## WRITTEN ORDER

## Prohibiting the improper disposal of human waste on the Upper Missouri National Wild and Scenic River

## Bureau of Land Management

Pursuant to 43 CFR 8351.2-1 (a) the following act is prohibited on public lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management along the Upper Missouri National Wild and Scenic River.

## 1. The improper disposal of human waste

Beginning April 15, 2004, boaters on overnight trips on the Upper Missouri National Wild and Scenic River may not dispose of solid human waste by any means other than a portable toilet for the containerization and carry out of solid human waste (fecal matter). The portable toilet system must be accessible for use during the day.

All overnight boaters must have a suitable portable toilet in their possession and accessible for use. However, boaters would not be required to use their portable toilet while camping in a campground that has a vault toilet, as long as the vault toilet is used.

All portable toilet waste must be carried out of the river corridor and deposited in an authorized disposal facility. Vault toilets do not constitute an authorized disposal facility, and it is prohibited to dispose of waste from a portable toilet into a BLM owned vault toilet. If chemical/bag type toilets are used, the chemicals and bags must be biodegradable and disposed of according to the directions included with the toilet.

Area Described: All public lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management within the Upper Missouri National Wild and Scenic River boundary. Specifically, these lands are all public lands accessed by watercraft between Fort Benton, Montana (river mile 0) and the boundary of the Charles M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge (river mile 138.8).

This order shall be in effect year round.

This order is necessary due to increasing levels of public use and the improper disposal of human waste which can create health, sanitation and aesthetic problems along the river or at popular non-developed camping areas along the river.

Pursuant to 43 CFR 8351.2-1(b) the following persons are exempt form this order:

1. Any member of an organized rescue, law enforcement or fire suppression force in the performance of an official duty.

Done at Lewistown, Montana, this 6<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2004.

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Violation of this prohibition is punishable by a fine of not more than \$500 and/or imprisonment not to exceed 6 months.